(b) if so, the number of parsons killed due to terrorist violence in different parts of the country during the last six months;

(c) whether Government propose to establish a rehabilitation fund for victims of terrorism; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTR OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB: (a), (c) and (d) Government is fully alive to the situation created by the terrorist elements in some parts of the country and is determined to ensure that a durable climate of peace, stability and progress prevails throughout the country. The direct responsibility for dealing with the terrorist activities lies with the State Government. 'Public Order' being a state subject, it is for the state governments concerned to devise various methods and take concrete steps to improve law and order situation, as well as extend financial and other assistance to the victims. At the central level action is taken to facilitate coordination of the anti-terrorist operation of different states and to improve flow of information useful for control of terrorist activities among the states. All possible assistance is also being provided to the state governments when required.

(b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Infiltration in Jammu and Kashmir

1847. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:-

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report published in the Poineer of Aprill 29, 1992 regarding the infiltration of about 8000 Kashmiri mercenaries armed with spohisticated weaponary into Kashmir Valley; and

(b) if so, what further steps Government have taken to check infiltration from Pakistan into Jammu and Kashmir?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) Yes, Sir, However, there is no confirmed report of any large scale infiltration into J & K from across the border.

(b) The security forces have continued a strong vigil on the border against attempts of infiltration/exfiltration.

Political initiative in Jammu and Kashmir

1848. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take any fresh political initiative to tackle the situation in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether Government have considered the developments in Afghanistan in relation to its impact on Pakistan's attitude and involvement in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(d) if so, what is Government's assesments in this regard and to what extent it would affect the situation in Jammu and Kashmir?

THE MINISTR OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (d) Efforts have